



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

***"HIRE A HERO, HIRE A VET"***  
**JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR WILL CONNECT VETERANS  
WITH EMPLOYERS AND JOBS**

**EVENT:** The California Department of Veterans Affairs and other state agencies will provide a rare opportunity for all veterans, including National Guard and Reserve troops returning from war in Iraq and Afghanistan, to meet with employers who are ready to hire and public and private agencies eager to help with training and other services. In one easy location, veterans will learn about the variety of options available to them, including career, training, and education opportunities. The fair is free and open to all.

**DATE:** Saturday, June 2, 2007

**TIME:** 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Veterans Museum and Memorial Center  
2115 Park Blvd.  
San Diego, CA

**WHO:** More than 100 companies with job openings to fill

- Representatives from the California Department of Veterans Affairs, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, Employment Development Department, Department of Industrial Relations' Division of Apprenticeship Standards, and California Community Colleges
- Local elected officials
- Representatives from Veterans Service Organizations

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**BACKGROUND:** Each year, 12,000 veterans – many returning from war -- enter the job market in California. They possess technical and leadership skills, experience, work ethic and discipline, which make them valuable members of any organization; yet veterans between the ages of 18 and 24, for example, have an unemployment rate of more than 10 percent. This Hire a Hero, Hire a Vet Job and Resource Fair is one in a series of 10, designed as part of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's initiative to open employment and education avenues for veterans.

